REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 12, 2009. In view of the foregoing amendments and following representations, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

By the above amendment, claim 4 is amended; claims 10-11 are cancelled; and claims 12-14 are newly presented. Thus, claims 4, 5, 12, 13 and 14 are currently pending in the present application. Note that the features of claims 12-13 were previously recited in original claims 2-3 (cancelled), respectively. The subject matter of claim 14 was previously included in claim 10 (now cancelled).

On page 4 of the previous Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 4 and 5 are allowed.

Accordingly, in order to expedite the prosecution in the present application, claims 10 and 11 have been cancelled. New claims 12-14 depend, directly or indirectly, from allowable independent claim 4, and are therefore allowable at least by virtue of their dependencies.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the present application is now clearly in condition for allowance. The Examiner therefore is requested to enter the above amendments and pass this case to issue.

In the event that the Examiner has any comments or suggestions of a nature necessary to place this case in condition for allowance, then the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney by telephone to promptly resolve any remaining matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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